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Annual Report 2001 - 2002

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Dear Mr. Attorney:

I respectfully enclose the Court's second Annual Report, covering the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002. It will be posted on the Provincial Court website at www.provincialcourt.bc.ca, and I recommend that it be widely distributed.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Carol Baird Ellan
Chief Judge

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A. INTRODUCTION:

The Provincial Court of British Columbia has continued throughout the recent fiscal year to serve British Columbians in an ever expanding variety of ways. The year saw changes to the Provincial Court Act enhancing the judicial independence of the Court's sitting justices of the peace by creating the new office of judicial justice of the peace, and creating a program for the retention of the services of senior judges on a part time basis. The provision of bail and search warrant services through telecommunication on a 24-hour basis was expanded to encompass areas of the province not previously serviced in this fashion. These changes resulted in 11 new appointments of judicial justices, bringing the total complement, including the 19 former sitting justices, to 30.

In October, the Judiciary embarked upon a planning process with the aim of developing a strategic plan for the Court during the next fiscal year. A new Provincial Court website was launched on March 28, 2002 and may be found at www.provincialcourt.bc.ca. The Court's Criminal Rules implemented in 1999 and 2000 were reviewed, culminating in a Report now filed on the website. The Court's judges participated in a great number of public activities and speaking engagements on a wide variety of topics, continuing an expanding role for judges in public education.

If the year was one of expansion, it was also one of reduction. A Ministry decision was announced in January to reduce the number of staffed Provincial courthouses by 24. The Court prepared a Preliminary Assessment of Proposed Courthouse Closures, filed on the website February 18, 2002, outlining the effects of the upcoming closures. The Court's total judge complement was reduced over the year from 146 to 143. Caseloads in criminal, traffic and bylaw matters increased during the year, and caseloads in small claims cases declined by about 15%, in keeping with the previous trend.

The next year will prove a challenging time in the history of the Court, and the valuable services of all members of the judiciary will become even more crucial in the face of dwindling provincial resources. I am very grateful to have such a dedicated group of people in the service of the Court, and proud to serve as their Chief Judge.

A three-year Annual Report of the Court's Judicial Council was published earlier in the year, and may be found at http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/judicialcouncil/index.html. Information relating to services to the Court may be found through the Ministry of Attorney General website at http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/public/index.htm.

Your comments regarding matters addressed in this Report, or questions respecting the judicial administration of the Court may be addressed to webmaster@provincialcourt.bc.ca.

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B. JURISDICTION, DIVISIONS AND COMPLEMENT

1. Jurisdiction and Divisions:

The Provincial Court is a statutory court created by the *Provincial Court Act*. It is one of two trial courts in British Columbia, the other being the Supreme Court of British Columbia, which also hears judicial review matters and many appeals from the Provincial Court. There are also appeals or further appeals from Provincial Court decisions to the Court of Appeal of British Columbia and the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Provincial Court hears matters under a wide variety of federal and provincial enactments, including those listed below. Under some enactments jurisdiction is shared with the Supreme Court or split between the Provincial Court and the Supreme Court.

Federal Acts:	**Provincial Acts:**
Criminal Code	Offence Act
Young Offenders Act	Young Offenders (BC) Act
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	Family Relations Act
Firearms Act	Child, Family and Community Service Act
Income Tax Act	Family Maintenance Enforcement Act
Fisheries Act	Adult Guardianship Act
	Motor Vehicle Act
	Motor Carrier Act
	Commercial Transport Act
	Local Government Act (bylaw Offences)
	Small Claims Act
	Liquor Control and Licensing Act
	Waste Management Act

Cases heard in the Provincial Court fall into four main categories:

- Criminal and Youth Matters
- Family Matters
- Small Claims Matters
- Traffic and Bylaw Matters

The Court handles over 90% of criminal cases conducted in the province. In family matters, the Provincial Court has jurisdiction in child protection cases, maintenance, custody, guardianship, and access, but does not deal with divorce, adoptions, or the division of family property. Sharing jurisdiction with Supreme Court in matters of child custody, access, maintenance, and maintenance enforcement, the Provincial Court hears more than 15,000 family cases each year, or about 55% of all family matters in the province.

The Provincial Court's jurisdiction in Small Claims matters extends to cases with a monetary limit of $10,000. It hears approximately 28,300 cases each year, which represents about 41% of the Supreme Court's volume.

2. Legislative Changes

For the fiscal year April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002, three federal bills affecting the court came into force in whole or in part. On December 18 and 24, 2001, parts of the Anti-Terrorism Act, S.C. 2001, c. 41 came into force. It created new offences related to terrorism and provided for investigative hearings of witnesses and the preventative arrest of suspected terrorists. An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Organized Crime and Law Enforcement), S.C. 2001, c. 32 came into force on January 7, 2002 and February 1, 2002, affecting primarily the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. This Act created three new offences specific to organized crime, provided for stronger sentencing options with respect to offences involving organized crime, and enabled the court to make orders to protect witnesses, and others who play a role in the administration of justice, from intimidation. There was also a broadening of existing proceeds of crime powers relating to the seizure, management and forfeiture of offence-related property.

Significant changes were also made to the Provincial Court Act. On April 11, 2001, the Provincial Court Amendment Act, S.B.C. 2001, c. 20 created the office of Judicial Justice of the Peace, with enhanced provisions relating to security of tenure and financial security. On August 27, 2001, the Provincial Court Amendment Act (No. 2), 2001, S.B.C. 2001, c. 46 made provision for Provincial Court Judges to work part-time after age 55 and with at least 10 years of service as a judge.

Also during the fiscal year, the photo radar provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act were repealed, though the Traffic Division continued to deal with existing tickets in the system. A new cause of action under the Parental Responsibility Act, S.B.C. 2001, c. 45 was added to the kinds of matters that can be brought in Small Claims Court. Lastly, the Provincial Court (Family) Rules were amended by B.C. Regs. 102/2001 and 103/2001 to provide for a mandatory Parenting After Separation course where applications are filed at designated registry, to add new forms and to expand Rule 5 to add Kelowna as a family justice registry.

3. Changes in Complement

At April 1, 2001, the complement of provincial court judges and justices of the peace totalled 498: 146 judges, 6 ad hoc judges, 19 full-time judicial justices of the peace, 2 part-time and 6 ad hoc judicial justices of the peace, and 319 non-sitting justices of the peace. By March 31, 2002, the complement had changed to 143 full time judges, 5 part-time and 6 ad hoc judges, 30 full-time judicial justices of the peace, 2 part-time and 5 ad hoc judicial justices of the peace, and 295 non-sitting justices of the peace.

a. Retirements

During the year to March 31, 2002, the following judges retired or left the court:

Jerome B. Paradis*	July 31, 2001
Kim J. Husband	July 31, 2001
Thomas C. Smith*	August 31, 2001
Brian Weddell	September 28, 2001
Alan E. Filmer*	January 11, 2002
James P. Gordon*	January 31, 2002
Kerry A.P.D. Smith*	January 31, 2002

*Opted to become part-time, pursuant to legislative amendments passed during the year which created the office of part-time judge for senior judges who elect to continue sitting on a reduced basis.

b. Appointments

Three new judges were appointed during the fiscal year. They are listed below with their appointment dates and the administrative districts to which they are assigned.

Herman J. Seidemann III	September 10, 2001	Northwest
Elizabeth L. Bayliff	October 1, 2001	Cariboo
Richard R. Blaskovits	November 2, 2001	Prince George/Peace River

Associate Chief Judge E.D. Schmidt completed his term as Associate Chief on January 31, 2002. On February 1, 2002, Judge E.M. Burdett was appointed Associate Chief Judge for a term of 3 years.

The following Judicial Justices of the Peace were appointed in the fiscal year:

Irene Blackstone	Patrick Dodwell	Gary Madrick	Patricia Schwartz
Brad Cyr	Susheela Joseph-Tiwary	Kathryn Pomfret	Jane Wakefield
Joseph Chellappan	Dave Maihara	Candice Rogers	

All these appointments were assigned to the Justice Centre at 222 Main Street. JJP Phil Lim was appointed Administrative Judicial Justice of the Peace on August 1, 2001 for a one year term.

c. Other Changes

The following judges were transferred during the year:

Name	Date	From	To
George P. Angelomatis	August 1, 2001	Port Coquitlam	New Westminster
Steven Point	August 14, 2001	Prince Rupert	Maple Ridge
Randy E. Walker	September 1, 2001	Dawson Creek	Quesnel
Robin R. Smith	October 1, 2001	Williams Lake	Kelowna

C. PROVINCIAL COURT JUDGES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT

At March 31, 2002

Office of the Chief Judge
C. Baird Ellan, Chief Judge
Ad Hoc Judges:
C.C. Barnett
R.C.S. Graham
F.S. Green
L.A.T. Nimsick
K.D. Page
T.W. Shupe

Vancouver/Richmond Criminal:
D.I. Smyth, Administrative Judge
E.A. Arnold
C.L. Bagnall
B.E. Bastin
E.H. Bendrodt
R.D. Fratkin
J.E. Godfrey
F.E. Howard
W.J. Kitchen
R.R. Low
P.L. Maughan
J.L. McCarthy
T.D. McGee
H.J. McGivern
J.F. Palmer
K.A.P.D. Smith (p/t)
C.J. Trueman
H.F. Weitzel

Robson Square
J. Auxier, Administrative Judge
B.K. Davis
H.K. Dhillon
R.M. Gallagher
J. Gedye
G.D. Gillis
M.R. Mondin
P.R. Meyers
D.R. Pendleton
M.E. Rae
V. Romilly
A.R. Tweedale
J.F. Werier
H.F. White
W.F. Yee

North Fraser
A.J. Spence, Associate Chief Judge
S.C. Antifaev, Administrative Judge
T. Alexander
G.P. Angelomatis
C.J. Bruce
M.R. Buller Bennett
J.C. Challenger
R.P. Chen
P.L.J. de Couto
S. Dossa
T.J. Gove
D.D. Pothecary
S. Point
D.M.B. Steinberg
D. Stone
C.E. Warren
J.E. Watchuk

South Fraser
W.G. MacDonald, Administrative Judge
M.C. Borowicz
J.G. Cohen
N.C.M. Collingwood
T.J. Crabtree
T.D. Devitt
E.A. Ferbey
H. Field
G.S. Gill
B.G. Hoy
P.A. Hyde
J.W. Jardine
R.J. Lemiski
J.J. Lenaghan
K.J. Libby
J.R. Lytwyn
M.I. MacAlpine
C.B. MacArthur
S.K. MacGregor
C.G. Maltby
R.D. Miller
R. Raven
A.E. Rounthwaite
J. Rounthwaite
E.D. Scarlett
E.D. Schmidt
W.F. Stewart
M.H. Thomas
W.A. Young

South Vancouver Island
L.W. Smith, Administrative Judge
J.K. Bracken
L.F.E. Chaperon
A.I. Ehrcke
A.E. Filmer (p/t)
L.J.M. Harvey
R.A. Higinbotham
J.M. Hubbard
J.N. Kay
B.D. MacKenzie
B.M. Neal
A.J. Palmer
E.J. Quantz

North Vancouver Island
E.L. Iverson, Administrative Judge
J.D. Cowling
P.M. Doherty
R.A. Gould
J.I.D. Joe
B.R. Klaver
C.D. Lazar
J.E. Saunders
B. Saunderson

Kootenays
R.G. Fabbro, Administrative Judge
D.C. Carlgren
D.L. Sperry
M.G. Tukahashi
D.M. Waurynchuk

Okanagan
H.C. Stansfield, Associate Chief Judge
J.J. Threlfall, Administrative Judge
E.R. Brecknell
J.P. Cartwright
B.J. Grannary
W.W. Klinger
D.B. Overend
N.N. Phillips
G.G. Sinclair
R.R. Smith

Kamloops
T.A. Dohm, Administrative Judge
W.A. Blair
J.P. Gordon (p/t)
H. Rohrmoser
E.A. Sather
B.W. Sundhu

Prince George
P.V. Hogan, Administrative Judge
M.J. Brecknell
C.D. Cleaveley
B.L. Dollis
R.B. Macfarlane
D.W. Ramsay
R.R. Blaskovits

Cariboo
E.J. Woodward, Administrative Judge
E.L. Bayliff
T.C. Smith (p/t)
R.E. Walker

Northwest
E.F. de Walle, Administrative Judge
W.R. Jack
A.K. Krantz
P.R. Lawrence
H.J. Seidemann III

Coast
E.M. Burdett, Associate Chief Judge
D.E. Moss, Administrative Judge
W.J. Diebolt
R.D. Grandison
D.E. Moon
W.J. Rodgers
J.B. Paradis (p/t)

D. JUDICIAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Formerly called Sitting Justices of the Peace, Judicial Justices of the Peace received a new designation by amendment to the *Provincial Court Act*, which came into effect in April 2001. That same amendment gave Judicial Justices of the Peace enhanced security of tenure and financial security in keeping with their judicial role. Judicial Justices of the Peace preside over traffic and bylaw matters and ticketable offences under provincial legislation, and sit in payment hearings in Small Claims Court. They also staff the Justice Centre, handling search warrant applications and bail by telecommunications.

As of March 31, 2002 there were 30 full-time, two part-time, and five ad-hoc Judicial Justices of the Peace.

JUDICIAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
At March 31, 2002

J. N. Aasen
R. Almond
H. Armstrong (Ad Hoc)
W. M. Austin (Ad Hoc)
I. Blackstone
J. Chellappan
J. D. Clark
B. S. Cyr
J. F. Dodd
P.L. Dodwell
H. Gaffney (Ad Hoc)
G. Hayes
D. Henderson (p/t)
J. E. Hughes
C.D. Jolly
S. Joseph-Tiwary
M. Kobiljski
B. D. Lambert
P. M. Lim
G.E. Madrick
D.H. Maihara
Z. Makhdoom
L.L. Mayner
K.M. Morrison (p/t)
A.M. Osborne
F.G. Palmer (Ad Hoc)
K.M. Pomfret
C.M. Proctor
D.W. Rivett (Ad Hoc)
C.L. Rogers
P. Schwartz
J. Smigel
L.J. Taylor
E. Turley
J.M. Wakefield
M.K. Whelan
K.M. Yamamoto

E. COURT SERVICES JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Court Services Justices of the Peace work in Court registries throughout the Province. In addition to their Justice of the Peace duties assigned by the Chief Judge, they hold various administrative positions in the Court Services branch of the Ministry of Attorney General, including Court Manager, Court Administrator and Court Clerk.

The duties assigned to Court Services Justices of the Peace (CSJPs) by the Chief Judge underwent significant changes in April 2001, resulting from certain court decisions and legislative amendments. The main change was the transfer of contested bail hearings and search warrants from the CSJPs to Judicial Justices of the Peace.

CSJPs now swear informations and issue summonses and warrants of arrest, do remands, and handle uncontested bail. They also approve sureties, perfect bail, decide on the detention of seized property, and perform a variety of related duties.

F. STIPENDIARY (CALL-OUT) JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Stipendiary Justices of the Peace work part time on a call-out basis, and hold a variety of occupations in everyday life in addition to their responsibilities for the Court, provided there is no perceived conflict between their occupation and their JP duties. The need of individual communities has historically determined the appointment of Stipendiary Justices of the Peace, based on a community's population, size of the police force, and the degree of community isolation.

Stipendiary Justices of the Peace receive monthly stipends, as determined by their anticipated workload, and are reimbursed for car mileage in the course of their duties. While Stipendiary Justices of the Peace are under the supervision of the Chief Judge, they are not employees of the Judiciary or the government. Their primary service to the Court and their communities is to preside over bail hearings and issue search warrants.

At this time, as Stipendiary Justices of the Peace resign, their duties are being reassigned to Judicial Justices of the Peace at the Justice Centre. It is not anticipated that any new appointments will be made.

As at March 31, 2002, there were 57 Stipendiary Justices of the Peace in the province. They are listed on the following page under their assigned administrative region.

STIPENDIARY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
At March 31, 2002

South Island:
K.A. Fedosenko
R.D. McWhirter

North Island:
C.A. Fielder
M. Hodkinson
S.E. Thomson
E. Zaal

South Fraser:
L.M. Atkins
J.M. Morel
J.T. Randle
H.R. Rourke
D.M. Thornhill

North Fraser:
V.L. Lyon
H. Preddy

Kootenays:
R.G. Adams
V.L. Canham
R. Catherall
J.S. Cundliffe
L.A. Dzuris
J.D. Kipp
D.L. Martin
M.J. Tarr

Okanagan:
A. Bosscha
H.S. Dhaliwal
S. Franko
E.A. Halvorson
S. King
R.M. McIvor
D.H. O'Byrne
T.M. Walker
M.V. Watson

Coast:
M.J. Hutchison
G.G. McKenzie
D.R. Westerlund

Cariboo:
D.W. Collins
M. Hayman
P.C. Molland
E.J. Wilson

Prince George:
C.M. Ferrante
J.A. Helweg
H.D. Logan
B.M. Paquette
K.R. Starchuk
D.C. Vardy

Northwest:
H.W. Barker
L.J. Deacon-Rogers
R.B. Forward
S.E. Gale
S.M. Higgins
E.B. Hunter
D.J. McLeod
R. Mittal
R.E. Wilson

Northern BC:
B.C. Hinde
J.M. Sather

Kamloops:
T. Atkinson
B.J. Cruzelle
R. Paulson
L.R. Simmons

G. JUDICIAL CASE MANAGERS

Judicial Case Managers (formerly Trial Coordinators) are responsible for providing effective, efficient court scheduling and coordination of all matters within a particular judicial district that appear before a Provincial Court Judge. Judicial Case Managers manage the flow of all Provincial Court appearances and ensure that judicial resources are effectively utilized in a manner that minimizes court downtime and is consistent with the policies of the Chief Judge.

Judicial Case Managers must hold a Justice of the Peace commission and exercise judicial discretion and authority within their assignment. They may also be required to preside as a justice pursuant to the Criminal Code over non-custodial appearances prior to arraignment hearings, and to ensure compliance with the Criminal Caseflow Management Rules.

Judicial Case Managers are judiciary employees, hired through a competitive process pursuant to the Public Service Act. They are subject to the supervision of the Chief Judge in the performance of their duties and are guided by Standards of Conduct specific to their role.

As of March 31, 2002, the following persons served as Judicial Case Managers in the court's judicial districts:

JUDICIAL CASE MANAGERS
At March 31, 2002

Vancouver/Richmond (Criminal):
W.R. Bennett (Richmond)
C. Goodrich (Vancouver)
T.L. Hill (Vancouver)
C.J. Johnstone (Vancouver)
K.E. MacKenzie (Vancouver)

Robson Square:
C. Mayhew
B. Siddoo

North Fraser:
M.L. deKeruzec (Port Coquitlam)
S. Gill (Port Coquitlam)
C. Defazio (New Westminster)
B. Serr (Maple Ridge)
E. Mitchell (Burnaby)

South Fraser:
W.R. Bennett (Delta)
M.B. Gill (Surrey)
J. Jenvey (Abbotsford)
J.A. Kurtz (Surrey)
S. Thorne (Surrey)
M.K. Warwick (Chilliwack/Abbotsford)
B. West (Surrey)

Coast:
S.I. McLarty (North Vancouver)

South Vancouver Island:
S.L. Cole (Duncan/Colwood)
D. Henry (Victoria)
Y. Locke (Victoria)
M.L. Preston (Victoria)

North Vancouver Island:
D.G. D'Altroy (Courtenay/Campbell River)
V. Mitchell (Nanaimo)

Kootenays:
E. Smedstad (Cranbrook)

Okanagan:
C.A. Rosom (Kelowna)
B.L. Vincent (Kelowna)

Cariboo:
P.T. Thomas (Williams Lake)

Prince George/Peace:
D. Pillipow (Prince George)

Kamloops:
C. McGrath

Northwest:
L. Leonardes (Terrace)
C.M. Foerster (Prince Rupert)

H. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Judicial administrative assistants are employees of the judiciary who perform secretarial and support services to the judges and judicial justices of the peace. These duties include preparing written judgments, assisting to prepare the judges' rota, and other clerical duties. The following is the most current complement of Judicial Administrative Assistants by Administrative District.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS
At March 31, 2002

Vancouver/Richmond Criminal:
- J. Hanif (Vancouver - p/t)
- A. Romilly (Vancouver)
- P. Sahota (Vancouver)

Robson Square:
- J.F. Crichton
- C.L. McNeill

North Fraser:
- J. Hanif (Port Coquitlam - p/t)
- L. Lockstidt (Burnaby)
- D. Twerdun (New Westminster)
- S.A. Trochta (Port Coquitlam)

South Fraser:
- G.J. Bridgewater (Surrey)
- S. Knights (Surrey)
- A. Mitchell (Abbotsford - p/t)

Coast:
- D. Garcia (North Vancouver)

South Vancouver Island:
- A. Bruce (Victoria)
- C.J. Rodin (Victoria)

North Vancouver Island:
- K. Steele (Nanaimo)

Okanagan:
- M. Low (Kelowna)

Cariboo:
- J. Cunard (Williams Lake - p/t)

Prince George:
- A. Molgat

Kamloops:
- S.E. Chernoff

Northwest:
- L. Leonardes (Terrace - p/t)

I. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE STAFF

At March 31, 2002

The following is a list of the positions at the Office of the Chief Judge at March 31, 2002, and the persons who held those positions:

1. **Director of Judicial Administration:** (Mike Smith) - assists the Chief Judge in the administration of the judiciary, i.e., management of the budget, systems, resources, facilities, justice of the peace and trial co-ordinator programmes and special projects.

2. **Legal Officer:** (Denise E. Paluck) - provides legal advice to the Chief Judge and accesses legal resources for judges, judicial justices of the peace, justices of the peace and staff in the Office of the Chief Judge.

3. **Administrative Judicial Case Manager:** (Grant Marchand) - provides the Chief Judge with reports on the state of the lists throughout the province; assists the case management program in achieving consistency of practice throughout the province.

4. **Systems Business Manager:** (Steve Rhodes) - plans, develops and recommends the acquisition of computer systems for the judiciary.

5. **Manager, Finance and Administration:** (Karen Dornan) - provides administrative, financial and human resources services; assists the director of judicial administration; monitors the budget; manages human resources; oversees acquisition of furniture and equipment.

6. **JP Administrator/Office Manager:** (Rosemary Chin) - assists the Chief Judge and director of judicial administration in the administration of the justice of the peace program; the unassigned and ad hoc judge programs; prepares and manages judicial justice of the peace rota; manages reception/secretarial resources; processes requests for library purchases.

7. **Executive Assistant to the Chief Judge:** (Aida Estrella) - provides secretarial and administrative support to the Chief Judge and Judicial Council of British Columbia.

8. **Judicial Administrative Assistant to Associate Chief Judges:** (Maria Hla-Tin) - provides secretarial and administrative support to the Associate Chief Judges.

9. **Administrative Services Coordinator:** (Viviana Ascui) - assists manager of finance & administration.

10. **Systems Support Coordinators: (**Mona Salameh & Sandi Wadley) – assist systems business manager.

11. **Administrative Assistant to Director of Judicial Administration:** (Serena Innes) - provides secretarial support to the director of judicial administration.

12. **Administrative Assistant to Legal Officer:** (Evelyn Suzuki) - provides secretarial support to the legal officer.

13. **JP Clerk:** (Myrna Himantog) - provides secretarial/clerical support to JP administrator; assists the JP administrator in the administration of the justice of the peace program.

14. **Travel Clerk:** (John Rideout) - processes travel vouchers; prepares and distributes financial reports and information.

15. **Accounts Clerk:** (Judy Darnel) - processes invoices and Visa payments; prepares and monitors contracts; assists with leave recording.

16. **Purchase Clerk:** (Aida Ballesteros) - purchases equipment and supplies for the judiciary; processes travel vouchers.

17. **Receptionist:** (Joyce Fernandes) - provides receptionist duties and secretarial support for the Office of the Chief Judge.

1. 2001/2002 Budget Submissions and Expenditures

	2001/2002			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	
Salaries	26,359,000	28,156,053	-1,797,053	(1)
Supplemental Salaries	8,000	20,547	-12,547	
Benefits	4,835,000	5,799,719	-964,719	(2)
Judicial Council/Ad Hoc	385,000	419,170	-34,170	(3)
Travel	1,140,000	1,276,115	-136,115	(4)
Professional Services	51,000	33,125	17,875	
Data/Telephone	491,000	413,395	77,605	
Office & Business Expenses	645,800	658,310	-12,510	
Advertising - Info	3,000	6,740	-3,740	
Utilities/Materials	73,000	69,906	3,094	
Operating Equipment/Vehicles	75,000	36,638	38,362	
Amortization Expense	207,000	252,677	-45,677	(5)
Facilities/OCJ Rent	287,000	280,920	6,080	
Grants (CAPCJ)	7,200	7,200	0	
Contributions (Library)	207,000	214,944	-7,944	
Sub-Total Operating	**34,774,000**	**37,645,460**	**-2,871,460**	
Judges Salary Increase (Incl. Benefits)		-2,555,000	2,555,000	
Benefit Increase		-589,285	589,285	
Adjusted Total - Operating	**34,774,000**	**34,501,175**	**272,825**	
Leave Liability Credit			102,487	
Operating Variance as per Financial Management Report			**375,312**	
Capital Budget Variance (Systems and Furniture)	201,000	149,271	51,729	
Grand Total:			**427,041**	

Complement:	
Provincial Court Judges	144.40
Judicial Justices of the Peace (JJP)	30.38
Staff	69.30
Total FTE:	244.08

(1) Salary increase for Judges not funded. Judges' remuneration is determined pursuant to an independent process prescribed by the *Provincial Court Act*. The recommendations of the 2001 Judicial Compensation Committee were implemented in the fall of 2001, retroactive to January 2001, and had not been incorporated into 2001/02 budget projections or contingencies.

(2) Benefit costs increase from 20.52% to 22.6% was unfunded. {see (1).}

(3) increased use of Ad Hoc Judges and JJPs, due to increase in sick leave.

(4) Budget submissions in the fall of 2000 projected travel expenditures to exceed funding by up to $170,000, however, the amount allocated for the 2001/2002 fiscal year remained essentially the same as that for the 2000/2001 fiscal year.

(5) insufficient funding provided in amortization expense to cover furniture and equipment purchases.

2. Ad Hoc Judge Assignments

The following chart shows the amount of time committed to ad hoc judge services in the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Ad hoc assignments exceeded budgeted amounts due to delays in filling vacancies from part-time judges. The excess was largely offset by salary savings.

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002
As at March 31, 2002

MONTH	DAYS USED	$ AMOUNT
APRIL	16.00	$11,024.00
MAY	17.00	$11,713.00
JUNE	3.00	$2,067.00
JULY	22.00	$15,158.00
AUGUST	15.50	$10,679.50
SEPTEMBER	28.00	$19,292.00
OCTOBER	45.50	$31,349.50
NOVEMBER	24.00	$16,536.00
DECEMBER	16.00	$11,024.00
JANUARY	10.00	$6,890.00
FEBRUARY	7.00	$4,823.00
MARCH	11.00	$7,579.00
TOTAL USAGE	215.00	$148,135.00

TOTAL BUDGET	180.00	$124,020.00
VARIANCE	(35.00)	($24,115.00)

3. Ad Hoc Judicial Justice of the Peace Assignments

The complement of five ad hoc Judicial Justices of the Peace were assigned as follows:

- to cover Justice Centre vacancies
- to cover pending appointments, and
- to cover sitting Judicial Justices of the Peace in the event of illness.

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002
As at March 31, 2002

MONTH	DAYS USED	$ AMOUNT
APRIL	15.00	$3,660.00
MAY	12.50	$3,050.00
JUNE	10.00	$2,440.00
JULY	14.00	$3,416.00
AUGUST	15.00	$3,660.00
SEPTEMBER	20.50	$5,002.00
OCTOBER	31.00	$7,564.00
NOVEMBER	29.00	$7,076.00
DECEMBER	8.50	$2,074.00
JANUARY	20.50	$5,002.00
FEBRUARY	20.00	$4,880.00
MARCH	20.50	$5,002.00
TOTAL	216.50	$52,826.00

TOTAL BUDGET	180.00	$43,920.00
VARIANCE	(36.50)	($8,906.00)

K. CRIMINAL DIVISION

1. Criminal Caseflow Management Rules

The Criminal Caseflow Management Rules, enacted in September 1999, and accompanying changes in criminal process (CCFM) were intended to achieve a wholesale change in "culture" in criminal practice, encouraging early resolution of cases where appropriate, and achieving greater event certainty. More specifically, two primary goals were to reduce the number of cases set for trial which do not proceed to the calling of evidence, and to reduce the number of unproductive appearances. The Rules were implemented in stages by administrative district commencing October 1999. The implementation phase of CCFM was largely complete with the addition of the final two administrative districts, Vancouver Criminal and South Fraser, as of November 6, 2000. Reports as to the effects of CCFM on backlog and trial certainty throughout the year were positive.

The Province has seen some very positive changes from 1997 to 2001. Although there was only a small decrease in the number of cases initiated in calendar 2001 compared to 1997, the number of pending cases decreased dramatically, especially pending cases greater than 240 days (down 30%). The number of completed cases increased in 2001, although the number of appearances increased slightly as well. However, the time to complete most cases decreased almost 25% between 1997 and 2001. In 2001, there was not only a decrease in the number of cases being set for trial (down 17%), but the number of trials set and the number of trials held also decreased.

In comparing the timetable of the calendar years 1997 (pre-CCFM) to 2001 (post-CCFM), the following results can be seen:

	Total New Cases	**Total Pending Cases**	**% of New Cases Pending**
Pre-CCFM(1997)	120,236	29,067	24.2%
Post-CCFM(2001)	116,173	23,704	20.4%
	Total Pending Cases	**Total Pending >240 days**	**% of Pending > 240 days**
Pre-CCFM(1997)	29,067	11,416	39.27%
Post-CCFM(2001)	23,704	6,517	27.49%
	Total Cases Completed	**Total Completed Cases set for Trial**	**% of Completed Cases set for Trial**
Pre-CCFM(1997)	79,254	15,044	18.98%
Post-CCFM(2001)	81,122	12,779	15.75%

These reforms, however, provoked some controversy and, following up on a commitment made by former Chief Judge Robert Metzger, Chief Judge Carol Baird Ellan on February 12, 2001 requested that Associate Chief Judge Spence conduct a review of the operation of the Rules. The terms of reference were general but included an expectation of consultation with interested parties in each judicial district in the Province.

During the year Associate Chief Judge Spence therefore met with members of the judiciary, the Crown and the Defence bar in each judicial district to seek their view and comments on the Rules. Based on the consultation, Associate Chief Judge Spence prepared a Report which contains several suggestions and recommendations for changes to the Rules. The Report is available on the Court's website at:

http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/aboutthecourt/criminalandyouthmatters/index.html

It is anticipated that the Chief Judge will strike a committee in the 2002-03 fiscal year to consider and implement any necessary reform to the Court's criminal process.

2. Caseloads

The downward trend of the number of criminal cases initiated in the Provincial Court abated this year. The number of new adult cases filed for the 2001-2002 fiscal year was 105,373, an increase of 3,154 from the previous fiscal year. Comparative figures for all subject areas for the past eight years are shown in the chart on the following page.

L. FAMILY DIVISION

The number of new family cases initiated in the Provincial Court decreased slightly, however subsequent applications on files commenced before 2001/2002 increased. The challenge facing the court is to continue to encourage alternate processes in family and child protection matters, such as parenting education, family justice counsellors, and mediation by judges and other professionals, in an era of shrinking resources.

During this fiscal year the number of locations served by mandatory parenting after separation courses was maintained at 10 and includes all the largest locations in the province. There continue to be 6 court registries known as "Rule 5" registries serviced by family justice counsellors, parenting education and mediation services. The court continues to provide judicial mediation in family and child protection cases throughout the province early in the process and as a result is setting only 20% of those cases for trial, and some of these resolve prior to the trial.

An evaluation is underway of a one-year child protection pilot commenced in 2001 in Surrey. It provided for a meeting between a trained facilitator, parents, social workers and other interested parties soon after a child was removed from a home, to help all parties develop a joint plan of care for the children.

M. SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION

The decline in civil cases filed in the Provincial Court continued, maintaining the trend to reduce waiting time for settlement conferences and trials in the Small Claims division and allowing more time to be provided in other divisions.

As an alternative to court time, the Court Dispute Mediation Practicum provides pre-court mediation for Small Claims matters, as well as allowing for training of mediators through supervised practical experience. The Practicum's mediation program has been available for a limited number of Small Claims Court cases in various locations since May 1998, and is expected to expand this year from current locations at Robson Square, Surrey, Delta and Nanaimo to include Victoria and Richmond. The Program now accepts more than 1,000 cases per year. It has a high settlement rate, and accordingly affords an opportunity for early resolution of eligible small claims cases and a potential significant reduction in court time. The Program is overseen by the B.C. Dispute Resolution Society. Its board includes Associate Chief Judge Ellen Burdett and the Director of the Dispute Resolution Office of the Attorney General. An amendment to the *Small Claims Rules* is anticipated within the next year, to standardize procedures for the Program.

N. COMPARATIVE CASELOADS

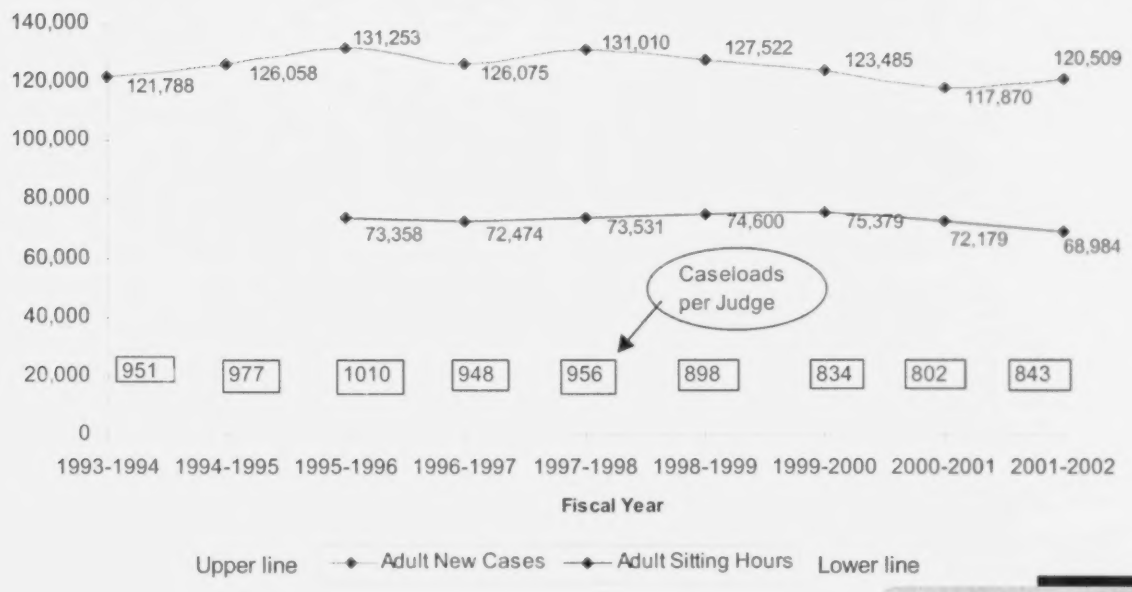
The following chart shows comparative caseloads for new cases for the current and previous eight fiscal years. The trend toward decreasing small claims cases has continued, while the number of adult criminal cases returned to the 99/00 level. The decrease in youth cases abated, and significant increases occurred in traffic and bylaw cases. The Court experienced an overall increase of over 22,700 cases or 7%, as compared with just over 8,400 or 2.5% for the prior fiscal year. Most of this increase is attributable to traffic and bylaw cases.

	FY 93/94	FY 94/95	FY 95/96	FY 96/97	FY 97/98	FY 98/99	FY 99/00	FY 00/01	FY 01/02
Provincial Adult New Criminal Cases	101594	105631	109768	106892	111607	109177	105901	102219	105373
Provincial New Youth Criminal Cases	20194	20427	21361	19183	19403	18345	17584	15651	15136
Provincial Criminal New Traffic Cases	49368	55789	50705	57312	56804	69044	69810	77208	99140
Provincial Criminal New Bylaw Cases	15129	13424	13607	15592	17733	23817	24616	28550	30766
Provincial Civil Family New Cases	2	8199	13538	14131	14383	15163	16082	15804	14205
Provincial Civil Family Subsequent Applications	0	4368	7106	9174	9576	10722	12541	17968	18798
Provincial Civil Small Claims New Cases	39277	38218	39678	34800	33598	29056	28556	26152	22911
Total Provincial Court New Cases	225,564	246,056	255,763	257,084	263,104	275,324	275,090	283,552	306,329

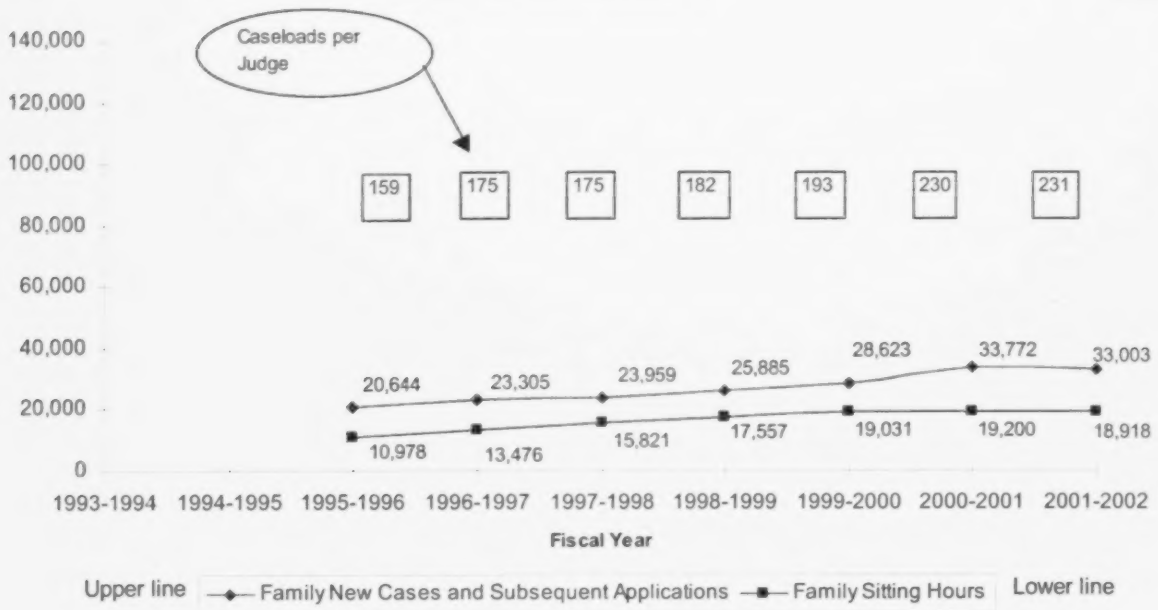
Completed criminal cases for the fiscal year totaled 106,703 for adult and 15,566 for youth. These figures reflected little change from the previous year. Completed cases kept pace with new cases, but the previous trend of completed cases significantly exceeding new cases did not continue.

The following graphs illustrate trends in new cases, complement and court sitting hours since 1993. Reductions in overall new caseloads for the current year have corresponded with a reduction in complement and court sitting hours, while caseload per judge and completed cases remain constant.

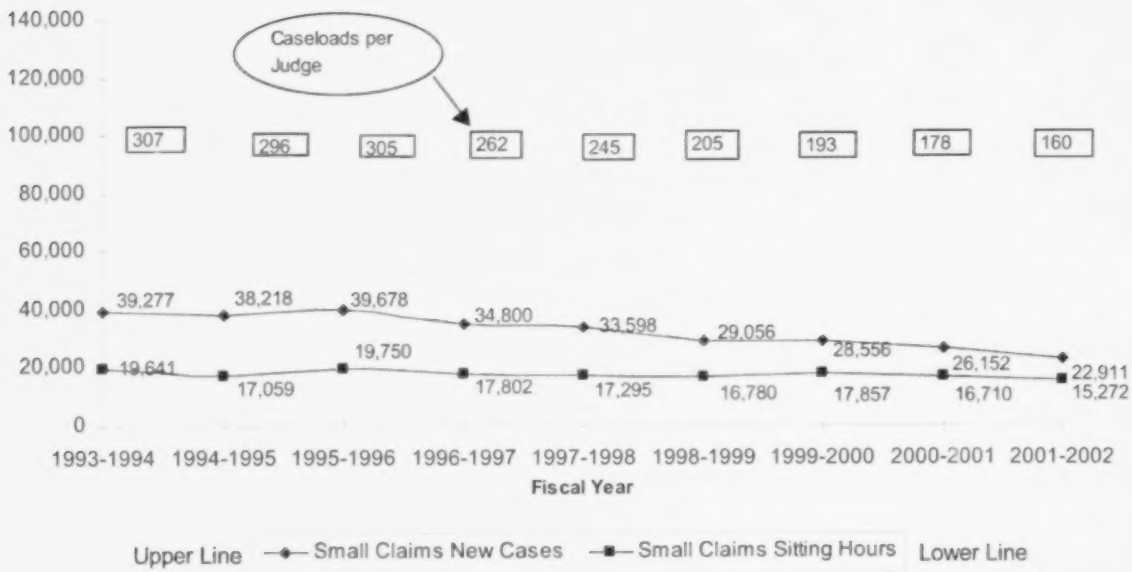
Provincial Criminal Cases (Adult and Youth)



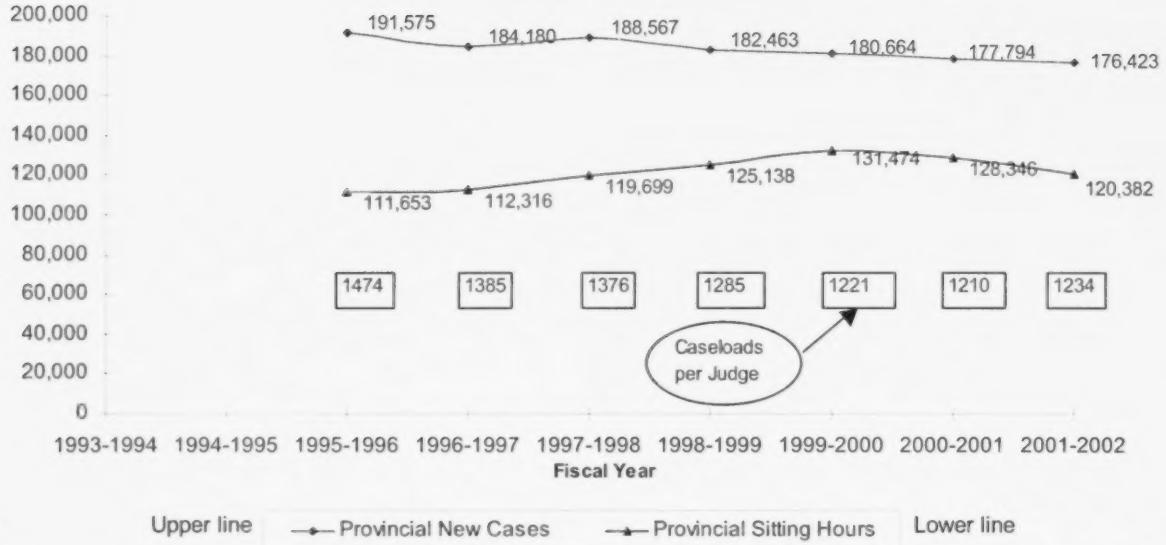
Provincial Family Cases



Provincial Small Claims Cases

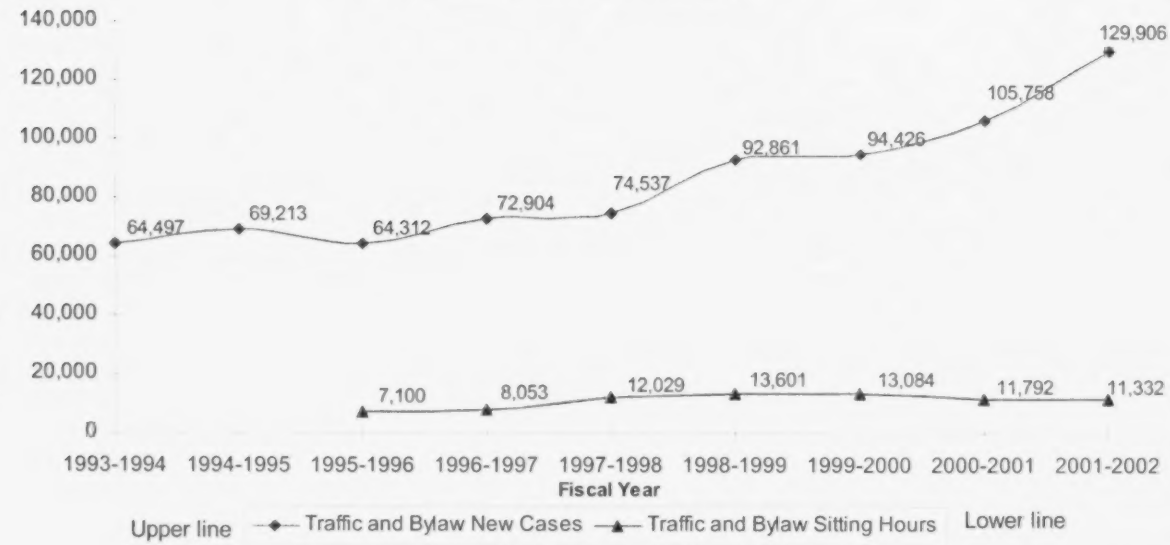


Total Provincial Judge Cases
(Adult, Youth, Family, Small Claims)



The following graph shows a consistent increase in traffic and bylaw new cases since 1996, while court sitting hours and relevant complement changed little in the fiscal year. Completed cases for fiscal year 2001-02 were 118,381, reflecting an increase in backlog of 9% for the year. Recent changes to the jurisdiction of Judicial Justices of the Peace, and to the process in traffic cases, as well as the repeal of photo radar legislation, are expected to reduce caseloads and assist in reducing backlog during the next fiscal year.

Provincial Traffic and Bylaw Cases
(Judicial Justice of the Peace)



O. COURTHOUSE FACILITIES & CLOSURES

In January 2002, the Ministry of Attorney General announced a decision to close 24 courthouses in the spring and fall of 2002. In response to the announcement, the Court prepared a Preliminary Assessment of Proposed Courthouse Closures, which may be found at:

http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/newsandreferences/newsreleases/index.html

At the time of the announcement, it was anticipated by the Ministry that the following courthouses would close and their caseloads would be transferred as shown:

District	Courthouses Closed	Receiving Locations
Kootenays	Castlegar	Nelson
	Kimberly	Cranbrook
	Creston	Cranbrook
	Fernie	Cranbrook
	Grand Forks	Rossland
	Invermere	Cranbrook
Kamloops	Chase	Salmon Arm
	Merritt	Kamloops
	Lillooet	Kamloops
	Lytton	Kamloops
South Fraser	Delta	Richmond
	Hope	Chilliwack
Okanagan	Oliver	Penticton
	Princeton	Penticton
	Revelstoke	Salmon Arm
North Island	Parksville	Nanaimo
Prince George	Chetwynd	Dawson Creek
	Vanderhoof	Prince George
Northwest	Houston	Smithers
	Kitimat	Terrace
North Fraser	Burnaby	Port Coquitlam
	Maple Ridge	Port Coquitlam
Coast	Squamish	North Vancouver
Cariboo	100 Mile House	Williams Lake

Following consultation with the Judiciary, a number of the receiving locations were revised.

The announced closures related to 24 staffed facilities throughout British Columbia, reducing the number of staffed locations from 68 to 44. In some of these locations, it is anticipated that sittings of the Court will continue on a circuit basis, though the court registry will no longer be staffed. The Court remains committed to the maintenance of a reasonable level of access to justice in the affected communities.

Construction on new facilities was commenced within the fiscal year for Sechelt, Chilliwack, and Richmond.

P. EQUALITY COMMITTEE

The Annual Report of the Equality Committee was filed separately in January 2002, and may be found at:

http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/newsandreferences/newsreleases/index.html

Q. JUDICIARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

In October 2001, the Chief Judge struck a planning committee consisting of the following members:

The Honourable Chief Judge C. Baird Ellan, Chair
The Honourable Judge C. Bagnall
The Honourable Associate Chief Judge E.M. Burdett
The Honourable Judge B.L. Dollis
The Honourable Judge G. Gill
The Honourable Judge A. Krantz
The Honourable Judge B. Neal
The Honourable Judge W.J. Rodgers
The Honourable Judge B. Saunderson
M. Smith, Director of Judicial Administration
The Honourable Associate Chief Judge A.J. Spence
The Honourable Associate Chief Judge H. Stansfield
The Honourable Administrative Judge J. Threlfall

The committee identified the following as its mandate:

> *Through a consultative process, to (a) consider the role and direction of the Court for the next three to five years with a view to continuing to improve the quality of justice and service to the public; and (b) to develop a strategic plan for the Court as a result of this exercise.*

The committee met in person and via telephone conference bi-weekly throughout the remainder of the fiscal year, and consulted with members of the judiciary in the development of topics worthy of planning consideration. The following topics were ultimately identified:

1. Governance
2. Jurisdiction and Divisions
3. Quality of Justice
4. Access to Justice
5. Judicial Resource Allocation
6. Facilities / Security / Technology

The committee devoted much of its effort in the latter part of the fiscal year to planning a conference for Judges and a planning session for Judicial Justices of the Peace for the purposes of developing ideas within the topics. Those conferences occurred after the end of the fiscal year. The following objectives were identified by the committee for the conferences:

> *providing judges and justices with background on each topic; identifying options and alternatives to the status quo; conducting an informed discussion on the issues with a free exchange of ideas among peers; generating new ideas; where possible, identifying areas of substantial consensus; and providing a foundation for a strategic plan for the Court.*

The planning committee will continue in the next fiscal year to consult more broadly in the development of a strategic plan for the Court.

R. SECURITY COMMITTEE

Judicial security concerns are brought to the attention of this committee through individual judges and by communicating with the Administrative Judges on an ongoing basis. The committee meets two or three times per year.

The following persons were members of the Security Committee as of March 31, 2002.

- The Honourable Judge H.J. McGivern, Chair
- The Honourable Judge W.W. Klinger
- The Honourable Judge A.J. Palmer
- K. Morrison, Judicial Justice of the Peace
- M. Smith, Director of Judicial Administration
- R. McKenna, Sheriff

The committee met on August 24, 2001 and November 2, 2001 and considered a number of security concerns, including building security within courthouses, letter bomb threats, video security cameras in courtrooms and security staffing in courthouses. The issue of court security is being considered in the Judiciary Planning process, described in Section P. above.

S. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Chief Judge struck a Technology Committee in the fall of 2001, consisting of the following members:

The Honourable Judge G. Cohen
The Honourable Judge B.K. Davis
The Honourable Judge G. Gill
M. Smith, Director of Judicial Administration
S. Rhodes, Systems Business Manager

During the fiscal year, the committee considered proposals for electronic filing, video conferencing, a fax-filing pilot and internal system security measures for the Provincial Judiciary.

T. WEBSITE AND JUDGMENT DATABASE

The Provincial Court website was revised and launched as a new site on March 28, 2002. The task of creating the new site was contracted to Kinetix Media Communications following solicitation of a series of bids. The Court is grateful for the professional service Kinetix provided in relation to what proved to be a difficult and complicated task, given the need to essentially rewrite the entire content and site map of the website.

The new site may be found at www.provincialcourt.bc.ca. It contains sections on:

- History & Judicial Independence
- Family & Small Claims Matters
- Judicial Officers
- News & References
- Judicial Administration
- Criminal & Youth Matters
- Traffic & Bylaw Matters
- Judicial Council
- Your Experience at Court

and a judgment database containing most written decisions and many oral decisions for the Court in the past three years.

Maintenance of the website and judgment database is performed by dedicated staff at the Office of the Chief Judge.

U. PUBLIC RELATIONS

In the 2001/2002 fiscal year, members of the Court participated in the following panels, conferences, public speaking engagements and publications, on behalf of the Court.

a. Speaking Engagements

Judge T. Alexander	• Le Francais Pour L'Avenir - Annual Conference of French Immersion Students from the Lower Mainland (Apr 2001)
Judge S. Antifaev	• Maple Ridge Rotary Club (2001) • Various High School Classes - Re: Provincial Court system (2001) • TriCity Family and Youth Justice Committee (2001) • New Westminster Bar Criminal Sub-section Meeting (2001) • Parenting After Separation Program classes (2001)
Judge C. Bagnall	• Provincial Court 222 Main Street - Spoke to students regarding the Provincial Court system (June & Oct 2001)
Chief Judge C. Baird Ellan	• Vancouver Criminal Justice Subsection - Criminal Caseflow Management Rules (Apr 2001) • Law Week - Vancouver Public Library - Access to Justice (Apr 2001) • Supreme Court of Canada Forum - Topics of Interest in Provincial Court (May 2001) • Surrey School Girls Conference - Career Choices (May 2001) • Health Care Panel - Mentally Disordered Offenders (May 2001) • 1701 Conference Moderator - Public Opinion and Judicial Accountability (May 2001) • Vancouver Bar Association Annual Judges' Luncheon - Acknowledge retiring Provincial Court Judges (May 2001) • Victoria Young Lawyers' Dinner - Experiences in Provincial Court (May 2001) • BC Association of Police Chiefs (May 2001) • Canadian Bar Association President's Forum - Experience as a Woman on the Bench (June 2001) • First Year Law Students, Vancouver Law Courts - Provincial Court Practice (Sept 2001) • Advocacy Symposium - Advocacy Tips for Provincial Court (Nov 2001) • Leadership Summit - Balancing Public Safety with Individual Liberties (Nov 2001) • Bench and Bar Dinner - Remarks from the Provincial Court (Nov 2001) • Cariboo Bar Association - Recent Developments in Provincial Court (Feb 2002) • Hutcheon Papers, Point Grey Golf Club - Recent Developments in Provincial Court (Feb 2002)
Judge B. Bastin	• Simon Fraser University Criminology Class - "Domestic Violence" (June 2001); "Sentencing" (Mar 2002) • Provincial Court—222 Main Street - Spoke to students regarding role of a Judge at 222 Main Street
Judge C. Bruce	• "Women Rainmakers" subsection meeting of the Canadian Bar Association - Joint speaker with Madam Justice Wendy Baker on practical pros and cons of being a Judge in respective courts; also about Judicial Council processes applicable to different levels of Court (Apr 2001)

a. Speaking Engagements

Judge M. Buller Bennett	• Students from Native Education Centre • The Law Courts Education Society Court Link Program • Britannia Sr. Secondary School • University of British Columbia - Spoke to Aboriginal Law Students • Indigenous Bar Association Annual Assembly (2001-02)
Associate Chief Judge E. Burdett	• Canadian Association of Administrative Tribunals Annual General Conference (Richmond) - "Equality and Diversity Issues in Adjudication" (Oct 2001)
Judge J. Challenger	• University of British Columbia Law Faculty - Coach for the Peter Burns Moot • Parenting After Separation Program courses (ongoing) • Justice Institute - Lecture for "Child Sexual Abuse Counsellors in Training" (2001-02)
Judge G. Cohen	• Continuing Legal Education - Courses on "Custody Orders" & "Family Law Conference" (2001) • Family Law Subsection "Child Protection Laws" (2001)
Judge S. Dossa	• Ismaili Professional & Businesspersons Association - Panel Speaker "Challenges along the road to Success" (Apr 2001) • Simon Fraser University - Faculty of Education - "Section 15 and Equality under the Charter" (Apr 2001) • Canadian Bar Association - Panel Speaker "Cross-Cultural Communication in the Courts" (Spring 2001) • Leadership Vancouver Opening Retreat - Panel Speaker " What makes a Community Leader" Parenting after Separation Course (Oct 2001 & Mar 2002)
Judge P. Doherty	• Comox Rotary Club • Courtenay Rotary Club • Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club • Law Day: Open Forum with general public
Judge J. Jardine	• Law Courts Education Program - Spoke to Students at the Courthouse (2001) • Kwantlen University College - Lecture Criminology Students (2001) • 2 Lectures on Search & Seizure to members of Police, Prosecutors and Defence Bar; (2001) • RCMP Police Training Academy - Chilliwack "Search & Seizure" (2001) • New Judges Training Program (Quebec) - Co-Presenter with Madam Justice C. Ryan on "Warrants (Search, General & Feeney)" (2001) • Continuing Legal Education Winning Advocacy Skills Workshop (Jul 2001) • UBC Law School "Advocacy & Procedure" with LSLAP Students (Jul 2001)
Judge B. Klaver	• Sworn in City Councillors, Rotary and Chamber Executives, as well as The Executives of The Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia • Local High School - Participation at Law Classes (2001)
Judge J. Gedye	• Family Court/Youth Justice Committees of BC bi-annual conference - Chaired a session on the proposed Youth Criminal Justice Act (Apr 2001)

a. Speaking Engagements

Judge T. Gove	• Terry Moore Show - CFAX Radio (Victoria) - Reform in Child Welfare Governance (Mar 2001) & New YCJA (Jan 2002) • Justice Institute of BC (New Westminster) - Lecture at each session of "Youth Probation Officer Course" twice per year (Aug 2001) • Gladue: A message for the Millennium Symposium (Victoria) - Presented a paper on Conferencing with the YCJA (Sept 2001) • Youth Health Forum (Vancouver) - "Giving youth a voice" (Oct 2001) • Bill Good Show - CKNW Radio (Vancouver) Changes in Child Welfare Governance (Nov 2001)
Judge V. Hogan	• College of New Caledonia Criminology Class - Lecture on the Justice System (2001)
Judge J. Lenaghan	• Capilano College - Addressed the Philosophy/Law Class (Mar 2002)
Judge K. Libby	• Delta Court - Working in conjunction with Delta Police Dept., to address Grade 6 and 7 students about the Court System (2001-02)
Judge R. Low	• CKNW - Small Claims Court (2001)
Judge D. Moon	• Sechelt Rotary Club (Spring 2001)
Judge D. Pothecary	• Parenting after Separation Course (Fall 2001) • Justice Institute One day mock trial for Recruit Training Program (Feb 2002)
Judge A. Rounthwaite	• Elementary & High School Students - Provincial Court system (2001) • Delta Municipal Council (2001)
Judge J. Rounthwaite	• Mission City Council - Sworn in City Council Members followed by a speech (2001)
Judge T. Smith	• Williams Lake Court Watch Group (Jan 2002)
Judge H. Stansfield	• BC Association of Chiefs of Police (May 2001 & Feb 2002); Traffic Committee (Mar 2002) • Vancouver Bar (May 2001) • Okanagan Jewish Community (May 2001) • Royal Roads University Judicial Dispute Resolution (Aug 2001) • Penticton Canadian Club (Sept 2001) • MADD Interior Region Annual Meeting (Oct 2001) • Kelowna Community Interdenominational Carol Service (Dec 2001) • Advocates for the Mentally Challenged (Mar 2002)
JJP Phil Lim	• CKNW (Spring 2001)

b. Publications

Judge E. Burdett	• Annotated Small Claims Rules (Continuing Legal Education Society) - Editor (2001)
Judge G. Cohen	• "Family Law Practice Manual" (Continuing Legal Education Society) - Member of Editorial Board (2001) • "Desk Order Divorces, An Annotated Guide" - Revision (2001)
Judge T. Gove	• The Advocate - Vol. 60 Part 1 - Reviewed "The Lost Children of Wilder: The Epic Struggle to Change Foster Care" (Jan 2002)